

**NCDWQ Streamlined  
Application for 401 General  
Certification No. 3687**

# **Main Discussion Topics**

- Circumstances requiring written approval
- Streamlining efforts
- Streamlined application

# Circumstances Requiring Written Approval

**Activities meeting any one (1) of the following thresholds or circumstances require *written approval* for a 401 Water Quality Certification from the Division of Water Quality (the "Division"):**

- a. Impacts equal or greater than 40 linear feet of additional permanent stream impact at an existing stream crossing location, or
- b. Temporary or permanent impacts equal to or exceeding: one-third (1/3) acre of wetlands East of Interstate-95, or one-tenth (1/10) of acre of wetlands West of Interstate-95; or
- c. Any impact associated with a Notice of Violation or an enforcement action initiated by the Division and/or the Division of Land Resources; or
- d. Projects with any impacts to streams, wetlands, and/or waters that have received a Notice of Violation from the Division and/or Division of Land Resources; or
- e. Any impacts to streams and/or buffers in the Neuse, Tar-Pamlico, Randleman and Catawba River Basins (or any other basins with Riparian Area Protection Rules [Buffer Rules] in effect at the time of application) *unless* the activities are listed as "EXEMPT" from these Rules.

# Streamlining Efforts

- 15A NCAC 2H .0500 requirements for application
- Current Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) (January 2009) is 10 pages
  - Developed by USACE and NCDWQ
  - Guides applicant through process
- Revised application is 2 pages

# Streamlined Application

## Bridge Streamlining Process

Low Impact Bridge Project No.: B-\_\_\_\_\_ County\_\_\_\_\_

Bridge No.\_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_

WBS Element Number \_\_\_\_\_

This project is subject to the Multi-agency Bridge Streamlining Process as agreed to on October \_\_\_\_\_, 2009. All Planning documents have been completed including the Programmatic Categorical Exclusion Form and the State Minimum Criteria Checklist.

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address:\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact for Project:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.:\_\_\_\_\_

# Streamlined Application cont'd

Is this an after-the-fact application: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

River Basin: \_\_\_\_\_

Stream Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Regulatory Authorization Options for this Activity**

Federal: USACE Nationwide General Permit 3 – Maintenance

State: General Water Quality Certification #3687

Local: None

Project Description – This section shall include a description of the existing and proposed bridges, any stormwater management BMPs utilized to meet diffuse flow or treatment prior to discharge, existing and proposed stream/wetland/open water impacts, buffer impacts by impact type (road fill, bridging, etc.), drawings of the proposed project and impacts. Additional pages may be attached.

**Questions?**